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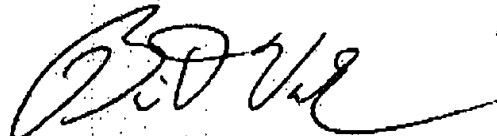
REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated September 1, 2004. Applicant has amended Claim 1 and added Claims 5-26 to more clearly point out the present inventive concept. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The official action rejected Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as claiming the same invention of Claims 1-4 of prior U.S. patent No. 6,702,949. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to be patently distinct from Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,702,949. We believe now that this claim is patently distinct from the claim of the '949 patent. Additionally, we have added Claims 5-26 to the application. Reconsideration and a *Notice of Allowance* for these claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/DDYN-26,685 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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